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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Foral, Elizabeth Apple. No. : 10/615,258 Filed : July 8, 2003

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on February 23, 2006. A Petition and fee are included herewith for a three-month extension of time. Authorization to charge the appropriate deposit account is given in the accompanying

transmittal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any further extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4882.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.